

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manipulating multiple open document windows through a pull-down menu of an activated open document window comprising the steps of: creating a pull-down menu in the activated open document window comprising a listing of open document windows and corresponding interactive user interface elements; and, responsive to the activation of one of said interactive user interface elements, performing a pre-defined window manipulation operation, separate from a focus change operation, upon an inactive open document window corresponding to said activated interactive user interface element.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said performing step comprises the steps of:

generating a window manipulation event responsive to said activation of said interactive user interface element;

processing said window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with the activated open document window, said processing comprising identifying said inactive open document window corresponding to said interactive user interface element, and posting a window manipulation event to said identified inactive open document window; and,

processing said posted window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said inactive open document window.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation operation comprises a window manipulation operation selected from the group consisting of a window close operation, a print window operation, and a file save operation.

4. (Currently Amended) A system for manipulating multiple open document windows comprising:

a pull-down menu disposed in an active open document window;
a list of open document windows disposed in said pull-down menu;
a set of activatable interactive user elements disposed in said pull-down menu, each activatable interactive user element corresponding to one of said listed open document windows, each said activatable interactive user element having a screen position in said pull-down menu which is adjacent to said corresponding listed open document window; and,
an event handler configured to post pre-defined window manipulation events, separate from a focus change operation, to inactive open document windows associated with activated ones of said activatable interactive user elements.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein each said activatable interactive user element comprises a button.

6. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation events comprise close window events.

7. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program for manipulating multiple open document windows through a pull-down menu, said computer program comprising a routine set of instructions for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

creating a pull-down menu comprising a listing of open document windows and corresponding interactive user interface elements; and,

responsive to the activation of one of said interactive user interface elements, performing a pre-defined window manipulation operation, separate from a focus change operation, upon an inactive open document window corresponding to said activated interactive user interface element.

8. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein said performing step comprises the steps of:

generating a window manipulation event responsive to said activation of said interactive user interface element;

processing said window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said activated open document window, said processing comprising identifying said inactive open document window corresponding to said interactive user interface element, and posting a window manipulation event to said identified inactive open document window; and,

processing said posted window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said inactive open document window.

9. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation operation comprises a window manipulation operation selected from the group consisting of a window close operation, a print window operation, and a file save operation.

10. (Previously Presented) A method for manipulating multiple operating system services through a pull-down menu in an activated open document window comprising the steps of:

creating a pull-down menu in the activated open document window, said pull-down menu comprising a listing of selected operating system services and corresponding interactive user interface elements positioned separately from said listing of selected operating system services; and,

responsive to the activation of one of said interactive user interface elements, performing a pre-defined operating system services manipulation operation upon an operating system service corresponding to said activated interactive user interface element.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said performing step comprises the steps of:

generating an operating system services manipulation event responsive to said activation of said interactive user interface element; and,

processing said operating system services manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with the activated open document window, said processing comprising identifying said operating system service corresponding to said interactive user interface

element, and posting an operating system services manipulation event to said identified operating system service.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the interactive user interface elements positioned separately from the listing of open document windows.

13. (New) The system of claim 4, wherein the set of activatable interactive user elements positioned separately from the list of open document windows.

14. (New) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein the interactive user interface elements positioned separately from the listing of open document windows.